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administrative system, but I'm here for the kids. And I don't want to have children be forgotten, lost, or found dead under a bridge. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Thompson on AM1529.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the body, I'm pleased that we're getting more engaged in this issue, even though we're running out of time. And I...I hope that we'll continue to be engaged and listening to people and talking with people about the problems of this bill. I want to again go back to some of the testimony. I finished half the story of the...of the guardian ad litem working with the 13-year-old boy who was placed with his older brother, when he was 17, because they couldn't...they couldn't or wouldn't find placements for them. And I'm going to finish the rest of the story. His brother turned 18, but they had no help, no assistance, even though they were going back, going back, going back to the department, trying to get them to make a placement. Having full authority is not a good idea, that leads to in the...into the checks and balances idea. The other is if we're going to err, let's not err against the child. The child is who we're all working for; the child is the focus of all the service that we're talking about today. Let's not err against the child. Let's not set up a law let's...that lets the Department of Social Services run into itself and stop cold while a 13-year-old child is sitting in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his 18-year-old brother saying, now what do I do? And the court is saying, now what do I do? And I'm saying, now what do I do? I'm here today really as the guardian ad litem for that child and for all those children and saying LB 182 is a bill that will allow me a little more room to move, will allow the court more room to move, but most important will allow that 13-year-old child and the 18-year-old child, who, as I mentioned earlier, were living alone, to have greater options to receive the kind of help they need. They're helpless now. We're not doing anything to benefit them further. And I would ask that LB 182 be supported to help those and other children that do it. The one brief comment but to the extent that economics comes into it as an argument, I would suggest that economic and administrative